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Overall orientation

16.1 The overall orientation of the programme is to strengthen the economic relations of the member countries, among themselves and with other countries of the world, in order to improve the quality of life, increase the security of the people and ensure sustainable development. The principal mandates of the programme are provided in resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council. In its resolution 36 (IV) of 28 March 1947, the Council established the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and assigned to it responsibilities for coordination and promotion of international economic cooperation in Europe. Further direction to the programme is provided in ECE resolutions and decisions, in particular, the Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and its annexed Plan of Action, both endorsed by the Council in its decision 1997/224. Substantive responsibility for the programme is vested in ECE, supported by its secretariat.

16.2 The overall strategy of ECE is designed around eight interdependent and complementary subprogrammes. The strategy involves the elaboration of economic data, studies and policy analysis, the negotiation of conventions, norms and guidelines, and the promotion of dialogue and exchange of information and experience. Thus, ECE expects to contribute to preventing the emergence of new dividing lines in Europe, taking advantage of its established role as the only pan-European-North American neutral forum for forging integrating tools in economic and technical areas where all Governments participate as full members and on an equal footing.

16.3 The integration efforts of countries with economies in transition into the European and global economies will remain a priority. Taking into account the evolving changes and needs of these countries, flexible forms of technical cooperation will be further developed in order to: (a) improve their capacity to implement legally binding instruments and other regional standards which they have adopted; (b) find an appropriate solution to transboundary problems that these countries face; and (c) promote their integration with the rest of the region, especially through trade and investment flows. In general, assistance will be given to countries and groups of countries, at their request, by the regional advisers and through the Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities. Attention will also be paid to developing cooperation between ECE and neighbouring non-ECE countries, in particular those in Asia and the Mediterranean region. Coordination would be improved with the secretariats of United Nations entities, the pan-European organizations (the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe), the European Community and other regional bodies active in the region, such as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). Regional perspectives would be introduced to the global-level debate on major economic issues and the contribution of regional inputs to United Nations global events and programmes, and the involvement of civil society and the private sector in the work of ECE would be strengthened.

16.4 Gender-mainstreaming is a cross-sectoral concern that is an integral part of ECE strategic directions. The Plan of Action stipulates that mainstreaming the gender perspective must permeate all ECE activities, and all principal subsidiary bodies will therefore take this into account when they prepare, adopt and implement their programmes of work.

Subprogramme 1 Environment

Objective

16.5 The objective is to reduce environmental loads throughout the region to levels that will not cause any significant harmful effects or compromise environmental conditions for future generations.

Strategy

16.6 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Environment and Human Settlements Division. The subprogramme will be implemented under the guidance of the Committee on Environmental Policy and, at the ministerial level, through the follow-up to the "Environment for Europe" Conference, to be held in Kiev in 2002 and the preparation for the Environment and Health Conference, to be held in Budapest in 2004. Activities will be aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in member countries, in part, through regional advisory services and the sharing of experiences among them, in

different areas: reducing air pollution, safeguarding aquatic ecosystems, preventing and reducing water-related diseases, preventing the adverse effects of industrial accidents, promoting public access to environmental information and increasing public participation in environmental decision-making. Cross-sectoral cooperation, both across the environmental areas, and between different sectors (environment, transport, health and energy), will be promoted through the provision of catalysing forums for the relevant intergovernmental bodies, including the governing bodies of regional conventions and protocols.

16.7 Policy direction for the ECE region will be provided through the review of environmental priorities, the promotion of policy instruments to prevent and reverse environmental degradation, and the integration of environmental considerations into sectoral policies. Assistance would be provided to more countries (non-members of OECD) in the region in examining their performance systematically and analytically in meeting domestic environmental policy objectives and relevant international commitments and in fostering environmental management and policies. Effective monitoring, improved implementation of and compliance with international legal instruments in the field of environment would be promoted. Furthermore, countries with economies in transition would, on request, be assisted in their reform processes, to build and strengthen their capacities for environmental protection and sustainable development, and in their efforts to be integrated into a pan-European legal and economic space.

Expected accomplishments

16.8 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) the strengthened application of policy instruments for the protection of the environment in the concerned countries; (b) a greater awareness of environmental priorities; (c) the increased ability of economies in transition to implement ECE environmental conventions; (d) reviews of environmental performance in these countries; (e) further integration of environmental concerns in policy formulation and implementation in different sectors.

Indicators of achievement

16.9 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the number of countries with economies in transition acceding to international environmental instruments; (b) the introduction of new laws and regulations for the protection of the environment in these countries; (c) a change in the number of countries undertaking environmental performance reviews (EPRs); and (d) the implementation of EPR recommendations by the countries concerned.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Objective

16.10 The objective is to ensure the existence of an efficient and well-balanced transport system in the region, with a high level of quality, safety, environmental protection and energy conservation.

Strategy

16.11 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The subprogramme would be implemented through the activities of the Inland Transport Committee and its subsidiary bodies as well as the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, which is serviced by the ECE secretariat. The results of the Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment (Vienna, 1997) and the follow-up to the mid-term review conference in 2002 will be implemented. Activities will be mainly based around the organization of intergovernmental meetings, seminars, workshops and the preparation of documentation and publications. Through these activities, a forum for Governments to exchange information and views on transport trends and policies in the region will be provided. Assistance will be provided to countries with economies in transition through regional advisory services and training workshops. Subregional cooperation projects will be carried out aiming at the coordinated development of transport infrastructure corridors and networks in Central and Eastern parts of Europe as well as in the Caucasus and Central Asian member countries.

16.12 Implementation of the subprogramme will involve the harmonization of national regulations concerning the various components and modes of transport, the facilitation of border crossings and the development of coherent international infrastructure

networks for inland transport. To this end, a set of international agreements and conventions has been developed over the years under the auspices of ECE. Activities will include the update and further development of international legal instruments to meet demands from society for a higher level of efficiency, safety and environmental protection in transport and to keep up-to-date with economic and technological developments. This will relate to the various modes of inland transport (road, rail, inland water and combined transport), the various components of each mode (infrastructures, vehicles, operations), special cargoes (dangerous goods, perishable foodstuffs) and border procedures. Accession of ECE member countries, in particular those with economies in transition, to these legal instruments will be promoted. In addition, the capabilities of the Governments of these countries to implement these international legal instruments will be improved, and a more systematic monitoring of their implementation will be promoted.

Expected accomplishments

16.13 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) new and updated international legal instruments on transport; (b) improved network of transport in Europe, including development and extension of pan-European corridors; (c) greater implementation of international legal instruments in the field of transport in countries with economies in transition; (d) improved capacity of these countries to develop their transport systems and infrastructures in line with international legal instruments; and (e) harmonization of national regulations concerning the various components and modes of transport, the facilitation of border crossings and the development of coherent international infrastructure networks for inland transport.

Indicators of achievement

16.14 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the number of new agreements in the field of transport and amendments of existing ones; (b) an increased number of countries with economies in transition acceding to these instruments and their implementation; (c) the number of road and rail links newly built or upgraded; (d) the number of new and amended vehicle regulations; and (e) measures aimed at easier and more effective border crossing for transport of international goods.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Objective

16.15 The objective is to increase the level of coordination of international statistical work across the region and to achieve more effective use of national accounts and social indicators for the policy needs of countries with economies in transition.

Strategy

16.16 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division. The subprogramme will be implemented through (a) the exchange of experiences among countries; (b) the collection of statistical data from member countries and the dissemination of that data through publications and databases; (c) the provision of assistance to countries with economies in transition through regional advisory services and workshops; (d) the maintenance of the integrated presentation of international statistical work in the region and coordinating statistical activities of international institutions; (e) data sharing and joint data collection; (f) expert meetings on specific areas; and (g) joint development of statistical standards, methods and practices. Through these activities, the subprogramme will seek to provide an efficient and effective response to the priorities and needs of national statistical offices in the ECE region as defined in the work programme of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES).

16.17 The subprogramme will seek to improve coordination of the statistical work of all international agencies active in the ECE region. Furthermore, the particular circumstances and needs of economies in transition in the field of statistics will be addressed, and particularly in these countries, a more effective use of the System of National Accounts and social indicators for their policy needs will be promoted. Support will be given to the development and implementation of commonly agreed-upon statistical standards and concepts for use in international statistics to allow true comparisons to be made between countries, and to promote their usage so that policy makers can be provided with the internationally comparable data they need. Implementation of the subprogramme will ensure that essential macroeconomic statistics on the ECE region are collected, processed and made available in a timely

manner to users in the ECE member States, the ECE secretariat and other international organizations.

Expected accomplishments

16.18 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) increased understanding by economies in transition of statistical methods and standards relevant to market economies; (b) exchange of experiences and progress in methodological work in priority areas determined by national statistical offices; (c) better coordination among international organizations in the field of statistics; (d) a reduction in response burden and overlap in statistical work; and (e) dissemination of data concerning the socio-economic situations of ECE countries.

Indicators of achievement

16.19 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) national statistical offices finding the activities under the work programme of the Conference of European Statisticians useful and relevant; (b) a reduction in duplication of data requests from international organizations to concerned countries; (c) an increase in the complementarity of the work programmes of international organizations; (d) the number of meetings organized jointly by ECE and other intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies; (e) countries with economies in transition expressing satisfaction with technical cooperation provided; and (f) users of publications expressing appreciation of data on ECE countries.

Subprogramme 4
Economic analysis

Objective

16.20 The objective is to increase the level of economic integration and mutual understanding among countries of the ECE region on complex economic problems and policies.

Strategy

16.21 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Economic Analysis Division. The subprogramme will seek to provide an international perspective for national economic policy makers and, when appropriate, facilitate the convergence of their policies. The *Economic Survey of Europe* will be used as a medium for producing the analysis of economic developments and problems in the ECE region, and will focus on developments in the ECE region in the past and coming year. The *Survey* will place special emphasis on the economies in transition, including their relations with other countries of the region and the rest of the world, and provide a regular analysis of macroeconomic developments in these countries. In addition, it is intended to continue the focus on structural change and institutional problems, as well as the issues addressed at the ECE Spring Seminar.

16.22 The Spring Seminar will provide the forum for policy debates, on major and topical economic issues, among senior economists from government, academic and business sectors and from other international organizations. The population-related activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), other international organizations and national institutions. Contributions will be made to the continued implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the documents adopted at the mid-term review (Cairo+5) both at the regional and global levels. Analyses and gender research will be carried out on children, adolescents, working-age persons and persons in old age, using data from the population and housing censuses and household/family surveys. The secretariat will also ensure the follow-up to the ECE ministerial conference on population ageing, to take place in 2002 in Berlin, and contribute to the follow-up to the World Assembly on Ageing in 2002.

Expected accomplishments

16.23 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) analyses of economic developments and problems in the ECE region; (b) opportunities for economic discussion and policy debates between Governments, academics, United Nations and other organizations, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); (c) improved national capacity in the formulation and implementation of key national population policies and programmes in countries with economies in transition.

Indicators of achievement

16.24 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) demand for ECE economic analyses; (b) positive

results of readership surveys; (c) satisfied participants at economic discussion and policy debates organized by ECE; (d) countries indicating satisfaction with training events and advisory missions on population policies; (e) demand for population-related analyses.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Objective

16.25 The objective is to aid ECE countries in overcoming two fundamental challenges in the field of energy: (a) the transition to a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy; and (b) the fuller integration of the energy economies and energy infrastructure of countries in the region.

Strategy

16.26 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Energy Division. The subprogramme will continue to emphasize the development and implementation of sustainable energy policies and strategies; the enhancement of energy efficiency; the efficient production, transport and use of natural gas; the implementation of environmentally sound coal mining and use technologies; and the further increase in electric power interconnections. In addition, increased emphasis will be given to the sustainable use of petroleum products, namely in respect to transport and the environment, as well as to enhancing the use of new and renewable sources of energy. Regional conclusions, proposals and recommendations on sustainable energy will be implemented, as may be adopted by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its ninth session in 2001. In the light of the outcome of the ninth session of the Commission and the Environment Ministers Conference in 2002 under the Environment for Europe process, related activities will reflect a revised programme of work, focused on the development of sustainable energy policies and strategies at the national and intergovernmental level.

16.27 Fuller integration of the energy economies of ECE countries will be encouraged through the development and implementation of norms, standards and classification systems, and the convergence and harmonization of legislation, policies and practices. Energy transport interconnections would be supported, both at the subregional and regional levels, particularly in electricity and gas. Technical cooperation will be provided for countries with economies in transition in introducing market-oriented energy policies and structures with a view to promoting the integration of their energy economies with those of other countries in the ECE region. Specific technical cooperation programmes will be developed and implemented in these countries in order to strengthen institutional capacities in the areas of energy policy, energy efficiency, natural gas, clean coal technologies and new and renewable energy sources.

Expected accomplishments

16.28 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) greater understanding, development and implementation in ECE countries, particularly in countries with economies in transition, of energy policies, energy efficiency, environmentally friendly practices and technologies related to the production and use of energy; and (b) increased harmonization of legislation and policies, including norms and standards.

Indicators of achievement

16.29 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) countries adopting market-oriented legislation and policies and/or norms and standards that are used by other countries in the ECE region; and (b) countries indicating that ECE studies, meetings, technical assistance and training sessions have contributed to the development of suitable energy policies.

Subprogramme 6
Trade, industry and enterprise development

Objective

16.30 The objective is to facilitate international trade, reduce the main internal and external obstacles to the development of foreign trade, investment and economic cooperation in the ECE region, and further the integration of countries with economies in transition into the global economy.

Strategy

16.31 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Trade Division. The subprogramme will be implemented through the exchange of experiences gained by both developed market economies and transition economies leading to the development of policy guidelines and recommendations in different areas. These areas include the promotion of entrepreneurship, cross-border trade, transit trade operations, marketing and financing techniques, and the implications of globalization and regional trading arrangements for foreign trade and foreign direct investment in the region. Coverage will be given to legislation and administrative procedures in conformity with relevant provisions of the World Trade Organization, the European Union and other relevant bodies. Standards and recommendations will be developed for agricultural produce and disseminated among supplying countries to United Nations/ECE markets and among users at different levels. Capacity-building activities (seminars, workshops and advisory services) will be carried out for institutions dealing with commercial, business and property laws.

16.32 Through these activities, the subprogramme will facilitate the decision-making of policy makers and economic actors, in particular in countries with economies in transition, on the promotion of trade, investment and enterprise development. Simple, transparent and effective processes will be developed for the exchange of products and services by business, trade and administrative organizations in order to accelerate the growth, scope and benefits of world trade, in particular through recommendations and norms for trade facilitation and electronic business. Meetings of expert groups under the Centre for Facilitation of Procedures and Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT) will be used to develop recommendations and norms for trade facilitation and electronic business. A forum will be provided for member States, in particular those with economies in transition, for the coordination and harmonization of standardization policies affecting international trade, including those related to technical regulations, conformity assessment, quality assurance and metrology, and to increase their awareness of developments in these fields. Greater efficiencies in trade and enterprise related areas and the development of well-functioning market economies will be promoted in all member States.

Expected accomplishments

16.33 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) effective change in practices and legislation in the field of trade and investment; (b) greater use of standardized trade practices and procedures in the ECE region; (c) dissemination of information on best practices in international trade; (d) recommendations on trade facilitation and UN/EDIFACT standards; (e) promotion of public-private partnership in economies in transition; and (f) increased trade in agricultural produce.

Indicators of achievement

16.34 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the use of ECE guides for foreign investment, trade promotion, commercial practices, in the context of a market economy, by countries with economies in transition; (b) United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT) standards further developed and maintained; (c) number of ECE recommendations accepted and implemented by countries; and (d) the level of participation of the private sector in the trade-related activities of ECE.

Subprogramme 7
Timber

Objective

16.35 The objective is to achieve forest management in the countries of the region which is truly sustainable from the economic, social and environmental point of view, and at all scales, from the individual forest unit to the national level and above, and to ensure appropriate measurement of that progress.

Strategy

16.36 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Timber Section of the Trade Division. The subprogramme will continue to follow a holistic, sector-wide approach and to maintain close partnerships with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (European Forestry Commission, which has a work programme integrated with that of the ECE Timber Committee),

and the International Labour Organization (ILO). On the international level, the interaction of trade and environment issues and the need for internationally comparable data would be of particular importance. The subprogramme will be implemented through the collection and publication of statistics and through the analysis of the situation and trends as regards the forest resource in the region and markets for forest products. Through the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics, the scope and quality of the information available on the sector will be improved, and analyses will be made on the long-term outlook for the sector as a whole, focusing on policy-relevant issues. Meetings and workshops will also be organized for the sharing of information and experience, in particular on sustainable forest management through the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training. Assistance programmes will be monitored to ensure that they correspond to the needs and priorities of recipient countries.

16.37 Sustainable management of the forest and timber sector in the ECE region will be monitored and analysed, and Governments will be provided with the information they need to take decisions and formulate policy at the national, regional and global levels. Activities will include the implementation of the programme of work of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (currently under negotiation) in areas where ECE has a comparative advantage, in particular regarding indicators of sustainable forest management. Further, ECE will participate as requested in any activities on forests that may be decided by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its ninth session. The exchange of information and experience on sustainable forest management will be facilitated between Governments, researchers and practitioners.

Expected accomplishments

16.38 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) improved availability of statistical information and analyses on the forest and forest products sector; (b) improved knowledge of the forest resource; and (c) increased exchange of experience on various issues of the forest sector.

Indicators of achievement

16.39 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the number of publications and analytical studies produced; (b) satisfaction of users of information and analyses as measured by user surveys; and (c) positive evaluation by participants in seminars and workshops in terms of exchange of experience.

Subprogramme 8
Human settlements

Objective

16.40 The objective is to improve the quality of life in human settlements, to facilitate social cohesion and security, and to strengthen the capacity-building process in countries with economies in transition.

Strategy

16.41 Within ECE, the substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Environment and Human Settlements Division. The subprogramme will be implemented through the development and practical implementation of integrated strategies in housing policy, land administration, urban renewal and sustainable human settlements on the basis of best practices and case studies. Activities will include the preparation of analytical studies and guidelines on housing policies and urban environmental performance; dissemination of best practices; compilation and publishing of housing and building statistics for the ECE region; organization of seminars and workshops and provision of expert assistance to individual ECE countries. The Committee on Human Settlements will contribute to implementation of the Habitat Agenda and Agenda 21 in the ECE region. In addition, input will be provided to the Commission on Sustainable Development and to the special session of the General Assembly on human settlements. The ECE Strategy for Sustainable Quality of Life in Human Settlements in the Twenty-first Century will be implemented as adopted at a ministerial meeting, in conjunction with the sixty-first session of the Committee on Human Settlements in September 2000.

16.42 The development of reforms in the housing sector will be promoted by providing the necessary legal, financial, administrative and organizational conditions in countries with economies in transition, involving local authorities and the private sector, in

order for affordable housing to be obtainable by all. Cadastre and land registration systems will be promoted to ensure security of ownership in land, investments and other private and public rights in real estate, and to assist countries in spatial planning and environmental management through the establishment and modernization of land administration systems. Sustainable consumption initiatives will also be promoted at the local level by raising public awareness about the environmental impact of individual consumption, introducing incentive measures and encouraging close cooperation and partnerships between central Government, local and regional authorities, the private sector and NGOs. The implementation of human settlements policies aimed at sustainable development will be enhanced through the monitoring of achievements and the sharing of good practices. Furthermore, democratic governance throughout the region will be promoted by encouraging public participation in the decision-making process, strengthening the capabilities of local authorities and NGOs, providing a framework for the constructive participation of the private sector and defining a new role for the central Government.

Expected accomplishments

16.43 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) broad implementation of ECE policy guidelines and recommendations on reforms in the housing sector and in human settlement policies; (b) further development of land registration and cadastre systems; (c) strengthened capabilities of local authorities and a strengthened role for the central Government in these areas; and (d) exchange of experience among cities and countries of the region on sustainable urban development.

Indicators of achievement

16.44 Indicators of achievement would include: (a) the number of recommendations on reforming the housing sector adopted by member countries; (b) the number of recommendations on improvements in land registration systems adopted by countries; and (c) the number of case studies and publications produced which propose appropriate human settlement policies and guidelines, on the basis of an assessment of the situation of the urban sector in a number of cities/countries in the ECE region.

Legislative mandates

Programme 16
Economic development in Europe

General Assembly resolutions

47/190	Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (subprogrammes 1 and 8)
49/106	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (subprogrammes 4, 5 and 6)
53/188	Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly (subprogrammes 1 and 5)

Economic and Social Council decision

1997/224	Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and Plan of Action (all subprogrammes)

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

B (50)	Diversification of forms and methods of the Commission's activities designed to assist countries of the region in transition to a market economy and their integration with the European and global economy (all subprogrammes)
A (52)	Endorsement of the Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and the Plan of Action (all subprogrammes)

Subprogramme 1
Environment

General Assembly resolutions

47/191	Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
49/113	Dissemination of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

Economic and Social Council resolution

1992/43	Strengthening the role of the regional commissions

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

E (44)	Charter on groundwater management
J (44)	Air pollution
C (45)	The Code of Conduct of Accidental Pollution of Transboundary Inland Waters

I (45) Cooperation in the field of environmental protection and water resources and in the field of long-range transboundary air pollution

G (50) Cooperation in the field of environment and sustainable development

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/37 Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

1999/62 Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

1999/65 Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

D (49) Economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

H (50) Cooperation in the field of transport

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1989/3 International economic classifications

1993/5 1993 System of National Accounts

1995/7 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme

Economic Commission for Europe decision

C (47) The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the Region of the Economic Commission for Europe

United Nations Statistical Commission documents

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 9* (E/1994/29-E/CN.3/1994/18), para. 59)

Subprogramme 4
Economic analysis

General Assembly resolutions

50/120 Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

50/124	Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
50/161	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development
50/203	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action
54/24	Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: A Society for All Ages
S-21/2	Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

B (46)	Cooperation in the field of economic analysis and assistance to countries in transition
A (50)	The work of the Commission and its future activities

Subprogramme 5
Energy

General Assembly resolutions

48/165	Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership
48/190	Dissemination of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
49/111	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session

Economic and Social Council resolution

1991/86	Development and efficient use of energy resources

Economic Commission for Europe decision

I (50)	Cooperation in the field of energy

Subprogramme 6
Trade, industry and enterprise development

General Assembly resolution

50/95	International trade and development

Economic and Social Council resolution

1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation

Economic Commission for Europe decision

C (49) Promoting the expansion of trade for products from the countries in transition in international markets

Subprogramme 7
Timber

General Assembly resolution

54/218 Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly

Subprogramme 8
Human settlements

General Assembly resolution

51/177 Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)